

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Examiner: REICHLE, K.  
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 ) Re: *Response Submitted with RCE*

Commissioner for Patents  
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2009, as well as the Advisory Action and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on June 18, 2009, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in support of allowance of the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of the instant response. Amendments to the drawings are reflected in the attached replacement sheets discussed on page 8 of the instant response. Amendments to the claims begin on page 9 of the instant response. Remarks begin on page 11 of the instant response. All remarks and amendments presented herein are made without prejudice.